

VENEZUELAN IN
COLOMBIA^a

1.73M

BENEFICIARIES WHO
RECEIVED ONE OR MORE
KINDS OF ASSISTANCE IN
SEPTEMBER^b

433,578

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW -
SEPTEMBER^c

20%

FUNDED: 156.5M
USD

765,173

WITH REGULAR
MIGRATION
STATUS

965,844

WITH IRREGULAR
MIGRATION STATUS

134

ORGANIZATIONS
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26

DEPARTMENTS**

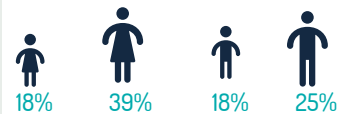
Situation

- On 21 September, Colombia Migration **resumed face-to-face services, enabling procedures** for national and foreign citizens, which are offered under prior appointment through the institution's website¹.
- On 28 September, the National Government updated the decree 1168's validity², **in order to extend the "Selective Isolation" phase until 31 October**³.
- On 29 September, Colombia Migration announced that **the closure of land, sea, and river borders would remain until 1 November**. Exceptions to this measure include humanitarian emergencies, transport of merchandise, cases of *force majeure*, and departure of foreign citizens, in coordination with local authorities⁴.
- According to Colombia Migration, **as of 30 July, there were 1,731,017 Venezuelans in the country**, 965,844 with irregular status and 765,173 with regular status⁵.

KEY FIGURES^d

4.98M VENEZUELAN WITH BORDER
MOBILITY CARDS (TMF)109,452 VENEZUELAN IN TRANSIT DUE TO
UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES (*FORCE MAJEURE*)11,964 VENEZUELAN LEFT THE COUNTRY
THROUGH THE RUMICHACA BORDER CROSSING
IN 2020

DISAGGREGATION OF BENEFICIARIES



Response

- WASH:** >51,500 refugees and migrants received sanitary and hygiene kits and items and >21,000 people were provided with water and sanitation services at points of service such as community kitchens, health centers, transit key spots and child friendly spaces.
- Education:** >7,900 children and adolescent refugees and migrants benefitted from formal and non-formal education in emergencies services and >5,600 school-aged children and adolescents were enrolled in national educational institutions.
- Integration:** >2,400 people reached with activities promoting social cohesion and integration and >1,600 refugees and migrants were supported in entrepreneurial or self-employment initiatives.
- Multisector:** >25,200 refugees and migrants accessed household items, >20,800 were supported with individual and collective short-term shelter services and >1,100 accessed telecommunications services.
- Protection:** >14,100 people were assisted with protection services, >7,400 refugees and migrants were provided with legal assistance, representation or advice, >8,300 children accessed child protection services and >3,500 people trained in GBV prevention and response.
- Health:** >73,700 primary physical, mental and emergency health care consultations took place, >14,000 people reached through health information, education and communication activities and >12,800 people reached through medical, integral and gynecological attention.
- FSN:** >246,400 people were reached with food assistance through transfers and in-kind distributions, >59,600 refugees and migrants received food rations and >38,800 people were provided with food baskets as an alternative to school feeding.
- Multipurpose CBI:** >80,900 people accessed multipurpose cash transfers.

BENEFICIARIES
ACCUMULATIVE
JAN-SEP

WASH

569,559



Education

64,367



Integration

33,458



Multisector

198,832



Protection

251,743



Health

472,475



FSN

1,297,187



CBI

255,919

¹ Colombia Migration (2020, 19 September). As of this Monday, 21 September, Colombia Migration resumes face-to-face procedures. <https://bit.ly/3ff3M4T>² Presidency (2020, 25 August). Decree 1168, 25 August 2020. <https://bit.ly/33MqgMx>³ Presidency (2020, 28 September). National Government extends until October the decree on Selective Isolation and Responsible Individual Distance. <https://bit.ly/3nlCbzf>⁴ Colombia Migration (2020, 30 September). Border closure will be extended, initially, until 1 November. <https://bit.ly/2HdHuDV>⁵ Colombia Migration (2020, 9 October). Infographic: Venezuelans in Colombia. <https://bit.ly/38UBDir>^d Infographic: Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 31 July 2020 ^e ActivityInfo Report as of September 2020, ^f FTS Report, ^g Migration report of Venezuelans in Colombia, Colombia Migration, as of 25 September 2020. * Including direct and implementing partners. ** During September, 31 departments reported activities. In 26 of them beneficiaries were reached directly.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

94,000
BENEFICIARIES
IN SEPTEMBER
68,794
BY COVID-19

19
DEPARTMENTS

During September, **94,000** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance related to water, sanitation and hygiene from **30** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **56** municipalities of **19** departments. The sector's actions were carried out in articulation with local authorities and were focused on addressing the health emergency by COVID-19. Such efforts were possible through the delivery of hygiene kits and personal protection elements, as well as through behavior change strategies, to strengthen habits such as handwashing with soap and water, surface cleaning and disinfection, the use of mouthpieces, solid waste management, and physical distancing. In addition, given the increase in the entry of refugees, migrants and returnees to Colombia, the WASH working groups in La Guajira, Norte de Santander, and Arauca began processes for identifying needs and coordinating actions to assist this population.

In this month activities included the distribution of kits and sanitation and hygiene items to more than **51,500** refugees and migrants, while considering the diverse needs of women, girls, boys, adolescents, and pregnant mothers, among others. Also, over **25,800** people benefitted from daily access to water and sanitation services at service delivery points such as health centers, shelters, food distribution points, schools, including more than **3,900** children and adolescents who accessed these services in learning and child development spaces. Similarly, more than **15,700** people received water and sanitation services at the community and institutional level and more than **840** people -including host communities- accessed safe water and basic sanitation facilities and training in their communities.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (Corporación Red Somos - DRC - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - SNCRC) | ADRA | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA/ Corporación Internacional PINOS | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Compassion | Halü | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | Mercy Corps | NRC | NRC/Action Against Hunger - DRC | NRC/UNICEF - World Vision - PLAN | IOM | PLAN | Pastoral Social/IOM | UNICEF | UNICEF (APOYAR - Fundación Guajira Naciente - Halü - PROINCO – Consortium PUI and SI - TdH Italia) | World Vision

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Education

12,262
BENEFICIARIES
IN SEPTEMBER
3,840
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

13
DEPARTMENTS



Jeicen practices from her home different mathematical exercises from daily examples that her tutor teaches her through the pedagogical accompaniment by phone. / UNICEF

In September, more than **12,200** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **13** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **45** municipalities of **13** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

During the month, the Education Sector continued to support local Education Secretariats and educational institutions in the construction and implementation of pedagogical and health protocols for the safe return to school under the alternation model, following the new Directive 016 by the Ministry of Education, which establishes additional guidelines on this subject.

To this end, the Education Secretariats have been assisted in gathering information to support these plans by mapping territorial needs that account for the conditions of refugee and migrant children and adolescents and

educational establishments. On the other hand, support to children for formal and non-formal distance education continued, including the delivery of pedagogical elements to make these processes possible.

More than **7,900** children and adolescent refugees, migrants, returnees and members of the host communities accessed non-formal and formal education in emergencies services. In addition, more than **5,600** school-age children from Venezuela received school kits and were enrolled in national educational institutions, where they were supported to continue their academic process, including the delivery of school kits.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

UNHCR | UNHCR (Opción Legal) | Bethany | Hias | NRC | NRC/Save the Children - UNICEF | IOM | PLAN | Save the Children | UNICEF (CID - Opción Legal - PROINCO - World Vision) | World Vision

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Integration

5,025
BENEFICIARIES
IN SEPTEMBER
3,051
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

8
DEPARTMENTS

In September, more than **5,000** beneficiaries received one or more types of assistance through **32** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **17** municipalities of **8** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. In this month, there was an increase in the number of refugees and migrants who were supported to strengthen their income-generating capacities compared to August.

Regarding entrepreneurship, training sessions were carried out about account registration, logistics and distribution, marketing, and soft skills; also, seed capital was delivered to several productive units. In employability, activities were conducted to disseminate information on measures to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on employment; also biosafety elements were provided for work and virtual training was undertaken to strengthen soft skills and techniques tailored to the needs of the labor market.

Similarly, more than 2,500 refugees and migrants enrolled in the "Certificación" conducted by the National Vocational Training Service (SENA in Spanish) to certificate their workplace skills. Finally, there is to remark the strengthening of the coordination between the Valle del Cauca Integration Workgroup and the Public Employment Service provider network, which seeks to improve the supply of services, aiming to mitigate barriers to labor insertion for refugees and migrants.

More than **2,400** people were reached with activities that promote social cohesion, including community integration days with the host population, and more than **1,600** refugees and migrants received assistance in the form of self-employment or entrepreneurship initiatives, including capacity building activities and distribution of productive assets, among other actions. Finally, **890** refugees and migrants were supported in accessing employment opportunities.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (CUSO International - Comfenalco - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - PADF - Pastoral del Migrante - UNICEF) | UNHCR/Corporación del Festival Francisco el Hombre | CAPELLANIA OFICA/Corporación



Through the "Jobs to Build the Future" project, biosafety kits have been delivered to workers, including Venezuelan refugees and migrants, and Colombian returnees from Salamanca, a partner company. / Cuso International

Internacional PINOS | Compassion/JRS LAC | Corporación Minuto de Dios | Cuso International | Cuso International (CEDESOCIAL) | FAO | GIZ (CEFE – COSPAS - Fundación Casa Morada - Fundación Hablemos) | GIZ/COAGRONORTE - Resplandor Servicios | Hias | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | NRC | IOM (Pastoral Social) | ILO | UNDP | UNICEF (Fundación Horizontes de Juventud)

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Multisector

13,036

BENEFICIARIES
SHELTER
IN SEPTEMBER

9,032

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

23,962

BENEFICIARIES
NFI
IN SEPTEMBER

6,917

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

300

BENEFICIARIES
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
IN SEPTEMBER

246

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

18

DEPARTMENTS



Attention to refugees and migrants in transit in Bucaramanga (Santander). / OXFAM

In September, more than **37,200** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **30** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **35** municipalities of **18** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

Along the month, the sector's response continued with the reactivation in the provision of services, especially in shelter, with the expansion of places and the reopening of accommodation spaces in border departments. In the same way, support continued through the delivery of household and non-food items. Concerning humanitarian transportation, the reopening of routes in coordination with the Government was operationally assessed, according to the dynamics of flows and re-entries, especially at the border areas. Meanwhile, humanitarian transport remained limited to specific health and protection case management purposes. All the services mentioned were provided considering prevention and protection measures against COVID-19.

Similarly, it is important to remark the accompaniment to the territories, for instance, for the provision of services in the Tienditas Health Care Center (CAST) in Norte de Santander, and in the Nariño department through the consolidation of the Multisector (Shelter) Working Group as a local coordination initiative.

More than **25,200** people were provided with household items, such as kitchen kits. **20,800** people accessed collective and individual accommodation and **1,100** refugees and migrants accessed telecommunications services.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

UNHCR | UNHCR (APOYAR - APS - CISP - Corporación Red Somos - Corporación Scalabrini - Cuso International - DRC - Pastoral Social - SNCRC) | SOS Children's Villages | Bethany | CISP | CAPELLANIA OFICA/ World Vision | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | GIZ (CONSORNOC - CORPRODINCO - Corporación Scalabrini - Fundación Pasos por Amor) | Hias | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | NRC | IOM | IOM/APOYAR - Club Kiwanis - Corporación Scalabrini - Corporación Vive - Fundación Paso a Paso - Pastoral Social - SNCRC - Samaritan's Purse | Pastoral Social/IOM | Samaritan's Purse | SNCRC

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Feature Story: “Let’s go to the market”

Today is a sunny day in Cúcuta, it is 12:30 pm, and we see Adeldo Romero with other community members in one of the largest supermarkets in the city. Let's go to the market with him!

He is 25 years old and belongs to the Yukpa, an indigenous community from Venezuela, and he now lives in an urban indigenous area with approximately 230 other people, in Nuevo Escobal neighborhood, near the Francisco de Paula Santander International Bridge. Adeldo is fluent in Spanish, although his accent does not disguise his native language. At this time, the Yukpa community is considered vulnerable because they do not have access to potable water or electricity. Most of them do not speak or read Spanish and ran out of livelihoods during the health emergency caused by COVID-19.



Don José, another member of the community, receives help from one of the volunteers from the Health Secretariat to do his grocery shopping. He still speaks his Yukpa native language. / PLAN

PLAN team in Cúcuta has been assisting this community since September with the delivery of hygiene kits and dignity kits for women. In addition, PLAN is providing them with a card with enough credit to do their grocery shopping, to help them overcome their adverse conditions. This credit should be used entirely today and destined for food.

“Food assistance is a complement, it is not an entire solution, but we are covering a little bit of what they need right now”, says Linda Navarro, a professional social leader at PLAN.

“It takes many logistics to make this happen. Fortunately, we could also count on the Health Secretariat’s support in Cúcuta to ensure people’s transportation to the supermarket and later, once there and after having this debit card, to accompany them in selecting their groceries because many of them do not know how to speak or read Spanish”, Linda adds.

It’s almost 1:00 pm, and Adeldo was able to do the groceries with his peers. More support days like this will come, and more Yukpa people will be around this supermarket, coming from their shelter to these shelves full of colors and shapes with many products at their disposal, as a little pause from this challenging and strange circumstance called pandemic.



Protection

In September, more than **32,700** beneficiaries were provided with one or more types of protection assistance through **49** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **87** municipalities of **25** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay.

As part of the monitoring and follow-up to evictions against refugees and migrants, from June 12 to October 19, 466 incidents and 424 risks of eviction have been recorded for a total of 1,909 people evicted, in addition to 2,109 people at risk (for further information please see the [online dashboard on evictions](#)).

32,788
BENEFICIARIES
IN SEPTEMBER
6,594
BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

25
DEPARTMENTS

Along the month, an increase in entries and re-entries of refugees and migrants to Colombia was noted, in parallel with the return of some Venezuelan families and individuals to their country. The new dynamics of movement, together with COVID-19's preventive isolation measures, pose challenges in the response for people in transit by foot (*caminantes*) and agglomeration spots, particularly in border areas. For this reason, the sector continued to monitor the situation and adapt the response of the Support Spaces in the provision of critical services. Incidents affecting refugees and migrants continued being reported in areas with the presence of armed groups. Therefore, together with the Communication with Communities Task Force (CwC), progress was made on strategies to prevent risk of incidents with antipersonnel mines and unexploded munitions (APM/UXO), forced recruitment and involvement in illegal armed groups, forced displacement, and threats. Finally, the sector made progress in designing a route to address these issues with the Regional Protection Sector.

Regarding child protection, the subsector has worked together with the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF in Spanish) to promote qualified protection modalities and actions to protect unaccompanied children and adolescents who are entering the country. This was made through working groups, which aimed to keep a record of the cases of unaccompanied minors, reviewing protection routes for children and adolescents, following up on their temporary shelter homes, and prioritizing youth and adolescents' attention. Technical capacities of the ICBF teams and to the Family Commissioner's office in Norte de Santander were also strengthened.

During September, the gender-based violence (GBV) sub-sector received alerts from partners about the shortage of mental health services for refugee and migrant GBV survivors in La Guajira department, so as the difficulty in accessing forensic psychology assessments for judicial proceedings, and delays in activating the protection route through the quadrants of the National Police. An increase of cases on trafficking and forced prostitution affecting refugee and migrant women and girls in Bolivar was also reported, so as protection risks for transgender women in Magdalena, Atlántico, Cesar and La Guajira, and health access difficulties for women in prostitution in Nariño. Also, GBV risks for people in transit by foot (*caminantes*) are still rising given the increase of Venezuelan people entering Colombia through the borders with Venezuela and Ecuador. Refugee and migrant women's groups reported difficulties accessing health services and sexual and reproductive health services due to lack of regular status. In response to these alerts, the GBV sub-sector was in constant contact with its partners to take action.

About the support during the planning of the RMRP 2021, particularly regarding the Gender and Age Marker (GAM), 88% of partners included activities with a gender and age focus, 44% take into account the specific needs of women, men, girls, boys, and LGBTI+ population, and 49% also analyze roles and power dynamics of the communities.

Moreover, according to figures from the Observatory of the Crime of Human Trafficking of the Ministry of Interior as of 31 July, an increase of reported cases of refugees and migrants' victims of the crime of human trafficking, particularly those with irregular status and unaccompanied/separated children and adolescents is registered. Besides, the Attorney General's Office identified the ten main routes used by human trafficking networks within Colombia. Therefore, in September the Trafficking and Smuggling Task Force made progress in developing technical assistance actions aiming to provide tools for prevention and comprehensive attention at the local level, specifically within the Departmental Committees to Combat Trafficking in Persons and the local GIFMMs.

In September, more than **14,100** people accessed protection services such as support and guidance on how to access rights and assistance, and over **7,400** refugees and migrants received legal assistance, representation or advice, including **54** boys, girls and adolescents. Also, more than **8,300** girls and boys accessed specialized child protection services, to prevent and respond to violations of rights during their migration process, including access to care and shelter spaces for unaccompanied children and/or adolescents often living on the street, in close coordination with the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare.

Finally, more than **3,500** refugees and migrants received information services related to the prevention of and response to GBV in the context of mixed migratory flows, more than **2,900** people were trained in the prevention of and response such type of violence, and **54** refugees and migrants accessed protection assistance in contexts of double affectation.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

UNHCR | UNHCR (Action Against Hunger - APS - SOS Children's Villages - APOYAR - CISP - COALICO - CORPRODINCO - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Corporación Red Somos - Corporación Scalabrini - DRC - Defensoría - FAMIG - PADF - Heartland Alliance - Humanity & Inclusion - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - Pastoral del Migrante - JRS Col - SNCRC - Save the Children - Universidad de Antioquia) | UNHCR/Hias | SOS Children's Villages | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA | CAPELLANIA OFICA/Corporación Internacional PINOS | CARE COLOMBIA | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (Pastoral Social) | Compassion | Compassion/UNICEF | DRC | FAO/FLM | PADF | Fundación ProBono | Fundación Mi Sangre |

GIZ (Corporación Scalabrini) | Hias | IRC | NRC | NRC/Action Against Hunger - DRC | NRC/Save the Children – UNICEF | OIM/UNHCR | OXFAM/Fundación Mujer y Futuro | Pastoral Social | SNCRC | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | UNICEF (CIDEMOS - Fundación Horizontes de Juventud - SNCRC - Significarte) | War Child | World Vision

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Health

112,548

BENEFICIARIES
IN SEPTEMBER

67,659

BY COVID-19

21

DEPARTMENTS

In September, more than **112,500** beneficiaries received one or more types of health assistance through **64** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **56** municipalities of **21** departments throughout the national territory. Health sector partners continued to facilitate effective access to essential health services for refugees and migrants through actions such as orientation in health services, vaccination, mental health and psychosocial support, general and specialized medical care, access to exams, medicines, and personal protection supplies. Likewise, support to health authorities and health institutions in response to COVID-19 continues, including hiring personnel, provision of equipment, logistics, and supplies to implement the Sustainable Selective Isolation Testing and Tracking (PRASS, in Spanish) program. Likewise, activities on risk communication, so as health information, education and communication continued, as well as those on self-care and COVID-19 preventative measures.

During the month more than **73,700** primary physical and mental health care consultations, and more than **2,800** emergency care consultations were carried out for refugees and migrants, including deliveries and neonatal care. Besides, more than **14,000** people participated in health information, education and communication activities and more than **8,400** people received mental health care or psychosocial support. Regarding sexual and reproductive health, more than **12,800** people received prenatal gynecological, comprehensive and medical care. Finally, **640** people were vaccinated according to the with the national immunization schedule.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR | UNHCR (CISP - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Corporación Red Somos - DRC - Defensoría - Humanity & Inclusion - Malteser Internacional - Opción Legal - Pastoral Social - Pastoral del Migrante - Profamilia) | ADRA | AID FOR AIDS | Americares | CAPELLANIA OFICA/IRC - PAHO/WHO | CARE COLOMBIA | CISP | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG - Pastoral Social) | Compassion | Fundación Baylor/Fundación Cultural Simón Bolívar | Heartland Alliance | Hias | Humanity & Inclusion | IRC | Malteser International | Médecins du Monde | MedGlobal | IOM | IOM/E.S.E Bello Salud - E.S.E Hospital del sur Gabriel Jaramillo Piedrahita - E.S.E Hospital San José de Maicao - E.S.E. ISABU - E.S.E. Alejandro Próspero Reverend - E.S.E. del municipio de Soacha - E.S.E. Hospital departamental San Juan de Dios - E.S.E. Hospital de Nuestra Señora de los Remedios - E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla - E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium – E.S.E. Hospital Mario Gaitán Yanguas de Soacha - ESE Hospital Universitario de Santander – E.S.E. Hospital San Antonio de Chía - ESE IMSALUD - GENFAMI – Hospital Carlos Carmona Montoya - Hospital Civil Ipiales - Hospital Eduardo Arrendondo Daza - Hospital Materno Infantil de Soledad - Hospital San Vicente de Arauca - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - MIRED IPS – Preventiva Salud IPS S.A.S - SNCRC - Subred Integrada de Servicios de Salud Centro Oriente | Consortium PUI and SI | Pastoral Social | Profamilia | SNCRC | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | Tearfund/Americares - PAHO/WHO - Profamilia - SNCRC | UNFPA | UNICEF (Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E Hospital San José de Maicao - E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla - E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium - E.S.E. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - MIRED IPS)

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408,778*

BENEFICIARIES
IN SEPTEMBER

112,992

BY COVID-19

18

DEPARTMENTS

Food Security & Nutrition (FSN)

In September, more than **408,700** beneficiaries received one or more types of food and nutrition assistance through **58** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **64** municipalities of **18** departments, in border and transit areas, as well as areas where refugees and migrants have an intention to stay. In September, the sector coordinated with partners and participated in the different spaces for planning and elaboration of the RMRP 2021, supporting the definition of FSN needs and strategic response priorities, focusing on food and nutritional assistance; prevention and treatment of malnutrition cases; and the development of productive skills and agricultural and non-agricultural livelihoods, among others.

In addition, activities for food production and the recovery of livelihoods in rural contexts were reactivated in a face-to-face modality, abiding by biosafety measures. Likewise, considering the country's economic reopening and an increase in the flows of refugees and migrants entering the country, the provision of food assistance through food kits at humanitarian support points along some of the mobility routes was prioritized. Finally, partners who carry out nutritional care activities have prioritized their intervention areas and have kept case management through appointments with families. In all cases, the compliance with biosecurity measures and good practices such as attention in open spaces remain, and for specific cases, appointments have been scheduled in hospitals or attention spots.



Collection of the 'Guajirito' bean in a crop located in the village of Majayura, in the municipality of Maicao, in La Guajira. / FAO

In this way, more than **246,400** people were reached with food assistance, both via transfers, reaching more than **229,500** people (**>156,300** via electronic or paper-based vouchers, **>40,300** in cash and **>32,700** with other mechanisms), as well as in kind, reaching more than **16,900** refugees and migrants. Besides, food rations were delivered to more than **59,600** refugees and migrants, and more than **38,800** people were provided with food baskets as an alternative to school feeding. Hot meals served in community kitchens were provided to more than **28,400**, and more than **8,200** people transiting by foot ("caminantes") received food kits, thereby the most vulnerable population was reached in line with biosecurity protocols.

Also, activities related to the promotion of food self-sufficiency, with a risk management focus were carried out, including more than **9,300** people who were provided with agricultural tools and materials, and over **4,300** people who received inputs to increase self-sufficiency.

Finally, more than **8,700** children and adolescents, as well as more than **1,300** particularly vulnerable pregnant and lactating women were reached through specific nutrition interventions and finally, in order to prevent nutritional deficiencies and promote key messages on breastfeeding and the nutritional recommendations, and more than **5,700** caregivers received counselling on child nutrition.

**This figure includes activities that, by nature, reflect multiple types of assistance to the same beneficiary. The food security and nutrition sector, with the support of the GIFMM, is continuously monitoring these calculations to avoid duplication. Therefore, the figures are subject to change.*

ORGANIZATIONS**:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR (Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - Pastoral Social - SNCRC) | ACT Alliance (Fundación Pazos) | SOS Children's Villages | Ayuda en Acción | Bethany | CAPELLANIA OFICA /Action Against Hunger - IRC - World Central Kitchen | CISP | Caritas Germany (Pastoral Social) | Caritas Switzerland (FAMIG) | Compassion | DRC/Pastoral Social | FAO | FAO/FLM | Malteser International (ABIUDEA) | MedGlobal | NRC | NRC/Save the Children - UNICEF | IOM | IOM/UNHCR - APOYAR - Corporación Scalabrini - Corporación Vive – Pastoral Social - SNCRC | PLAN | Pastoral Social | Samaritan's Purse | Save the Children | SNCRC | UNICEF (APOYAR - Dusakawi IPSI - E.S.E. Hospital San José de Maicao - E.S.E. Jaime Alvarado y Castilla -

E.S.E. Jorge Cristo Sahium - E.S.E. Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro - Fundación Guajira Naciente - I.P.S. Municipal de Ipiales - MIRED IPS - PROINCO - TdH Italy) | WFP (Action Against Hunger - APOYAR - Alcaldía de Jamundí - Ayatashi Wayaa - COMFIAR - CONSORNOC - CORPOSCAL - COSPAS - Club Kiwanis - Corporación Scalabrini - FUNDALIANZA - Fundación Escuela Nueva - Fundación Guajira Naciente - Makuira - Misioneros de San Carlos - PROINCO - Parroquia San Francisco de Asís - Pastoral Social - SNCRC - Samaritan's Purse - World Vision) | World Vision

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Multipurpose CBI

80,988

BENEFICIARIES
IN SEPTEMBER

23,664

BY COVID-19
ACTIVITIES

17

DEPARTMENTS

During the month of September, more than **80,900** beneficiaries received one or more types of support through **17** RMRP direct and implementing partners, in **56** municipalities of **17** departments. These refugees and migrants mostly benefited from multipurpose cash transfers, through prepaid cards, direct cash, and electronic transfers.

ORGANIZATIONS*:

Action Against Hunger | UNHCR (Comfenalco - Corporación Ayuda Humanitaria - DRC - Defensoría - FAMIG - Pastoral Social - SNCRC - Save the Children) | Caritas Switzerland (Pastoral Social) | Cuso International (Mercy Corps) | DRC/Action Against Hunger | IRC | Mercy Corps | Mercy Corps/ World Vision | NRC | NRC/Action Against Hunger - DRC | IOM/Action Against Hunger | SNCRC | Save the Children

**Organizations included in parentheses are implementing partners. Organizations separated by slashes (/) represent jointly implemented activities.*



Coordination

In September, the National GIFMM prioritized the RMRP process, working on the sectoral PiN calculation and the submissions (activities and funding) of the Plan: As of 8 October 2020, a total of 64 organizations submitted activities for Colombia in 31 departments. Also, the narrative of the Colombia chapter was drafted and is currently in regional validation process.

Local GIFMMs, the field level representation of the national platform, as the spaces for coordination of the operational response at the local level, worked in close collaboration with coordination mechanisms of local authorities on the following activities:

- In **Antioquia**, the elaboration of the contingency plan began within the local GIFMM multi-sector working group framework, and with the support of the Administrative Department of Disaster Risk Management (DAGR in Spanish). Together with Rionegro municipality Local Ombudsperson's Office, a characterization of the population living in the street located in the "Transit" Bridge of this municipality was carried out to assess their needs. In addition, the local GIFMM participated in a technical committee organized by the local authorities to develop a basic diagnosis of the current situation of children and adolescents identified by the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare (ICBF in Spanish).
- In **Arauca**, the local GIFMM kept coordination with the Special Administrative Health Unit of Arauca (UAESA in Spanish) to continue the nutritional recovery response for children under five and over ten years old and pregnant women. Response by the GIFMM partners during the month includes the delivery of filters and games on hygiene promotion to children in the settlements of Pescadito, Monserrate, Brisas del Puente, Jerusalén, and Refugio in Arauca municipality; the delivery of hygiene kits to the Departmental Government Secretariat, and the provision of

178 radios for the children who are part of Education in Emergencies programs, including learning kits as well as hygiene and pedagogical kits for their families.

- In **Bogotá and Region**, in terms of coordination with local authorities, a project has been developed together with the Mayor's Office of Bogotá, to identify and refer of families in a situation of vulnerability, and to target assistance through cash transfers. Besides, a work plan was consolidated with the Governor's Office of Cundinamarca, remarking the coordination efforts with the institutions and complementary response of GIFMM partners in the municipality of Soacha. In addition, the local GIFMM Emergency Working Group reactivated the response to the population in transit with health care, delivery of non-food items, and psychosocial support for people transiting by foot on the route through the municipalities of Chia and Tocancipá.
- In **Cesar**, the local GIFMM kept coordination with local authorities to complement the department's response, including articulation with the Governor's Office of Cesar, to facilitate refugees and migrants' access to the services of the National Civil Registry Office. Besides, with the Departmental Health Secretariat and local entities to assist malnutrition cases in children, adolescents, and pregnant and lactating women.
- The local GIFMM in the **Caribbean Coast** continued to accompany the health sector, through support for health brigades and mobile units in **Magdalena** and **Atlántico**, in this last department, health equipment was delivered to health service points of the E.S.E. Alejandro Próspero Reverend in several settlements. In **Bolívar**, school kits were provided to children and adolescents in Arroyo de Piedra, Nuevo Bosque, Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, and Fredonia sectors, located in Cartagena.
- In **La Guajira**, the local GIFMM supported training sessions and mitigation work with local communities in settlements affected by recent rains in the municipality of Maicao, managed by the Municipal Risk Management Unit (UMGR in Spanish) and the Health Secretariat. Similarly, deliveries of food supplies, hygiene kits, portable handwashing points and face masks were given to the Mayor's Office of Maicao municipality, and habitat and biosecurity kits were delivered to the Geriatric Home in Maicao.
- In **Nariño**, the Multisector and WASH Working Groups were launched and started to operate in this local GIFMM, in order to promote spaces for local coordination within these sectors. It has also been supported the implementation of the national strategy to enhance mixed durable solutions, focusing on local integration and livelihoods. This strategy facilitated a conversation in Ipiales with the private sector to promote the employability route of the National Vocational Training Service (SENA in Spanish) and its benefits. Finally, deliveries of hygiene, cleaning, education, and other kits continued in several municipalities and Support Spaces across the department.
- In **Norte de Santander** the local GIFMM supported a joint characterization of flows in the border area led by the Governor's Office, aiming to inform the local response in context of the health emergency framework. It also continued the close coordination and support to local authorities during the response at the Tienditas Health Care Center (CAST), located at the Las Tienditas International Bridge through the delivery of supplies, hygiene kits, food assistance, and the opening of a child protection space for children and adolescents, while ensuring the implementation of COVID-19 prevention measures, such as access to health, water, sanitation and information.
- The local GIFMM in **Santander** held healthcare days and activities on nutrition, prevention, and attention on gender-based violence in boarding houses in Bucaramanga, where refugees and migrants are staying; this includes the delivery of hygiene kits, food supplies, and the dissemination of key messages on COVID-19 prevention in such facilities. Attention and orientation services through hotlines continued, as well as general health consultations through appointments, and response through multi-purpose cash transfers to families with difficulties to obtain their livelihoods.
- In **Valle del Cauca**, the local GIFMM made progress for the future opening of the Support Space located at the Cali Transportation Terminal, where services and activities of protection, health, education, and COVID-19 prevention will be provided. In terms of coordination with local authorities, the local GIFMM accompanied the Social Welfare

Secretariat of Cali to design and implement an income generation strategy for the refugee and migrant population working informally in the municipal marketplace. Besides, the support to the Municipal Public Health Secretariat (SSPM in Spanish) of Cali continued for the reactivation and strengthening of the “Situational Health Room” (health coordination space) through technical assistance, public health surveillance, and identification of needs and gaps in the response.



Information Management

In September a total of **46 information products were drafted at the national and local level**, focusing on documenting the response to COVID-19 and how activities and coordination were adapted due to the sanitary emergency, including:

- The final report ([SPA](#) | [ENG](#)) of the third round of the **Joint Needs Assessment on the situation of refugees and migrants in the context of COVID-19**, conducted during the month of July 2020 by 34 members of the GIFMM. Over than 3,100 telephone surveys to households in 24 departments we carried out, to find out the main needs that these households have faced in the context of the pandemic. The main needs expressed by households are food (91%), shelter support, e.g., help with rent (67%) and access to employment or livelihoods (54%).
- **1** Flash Update COVID-19 produced by the National GIFMM team ([2 October](#)).
- **2** reports on the COVID-19 response produced by local GIFMMs in: **La Guajira** ([20 August](#)), and **Arauca** ([30 June](#)).
- **1 national directory** (14 September) with a consolidation of all hotlines and other available services during COVID-19 contingency.
- **2** flyers with the consolidation of hotlines and other available services during COVID-19 at departmental level in: [Cesar](#) and [Valle del Cauca](#).
- **38** information products covering the monthly local response:
 - **Antioquia (7):** [Situational Report – May](#) | [Operational Map – June](#) | [Operational Map of Urabá Antioqueño – June](#) | [Operational Map of Medellín – June](#) | [Infographic about gender-based violence in Medellín – January to May](#) | [Infographic about gender-based violence in Medellín – January to May](#) | [Infographic about gender-based violence – January to June](#).
 - **Arauca (6):** [Venezuelans in Arauca – April](#) | [Venezuelans in Arauca – May](#) | [Situational Report – June](#) | [Venezuelans in Arauca – June](#) | [Operational Map – July](#) | [Operational Map – August](#).
 - **Cesar (2):** [Operational Presence – June](#) | [Operational Presence – July](#).
 - **Costa Caribe (2):** [Operational Presence – June](#) | [Operational Presence – July](#).
 - **La Guajira (2):** [Operational Map – June](#) | [Operational Map – July](#).
 - **Nariño (9):** [Situational Report – April](#) | [Situational Report – May](#) | [Venezuelans in Nariño – May](#) | [Operational Map – June](#) | [Situational Report – June](#) | [4W for Refugees and Migrants – June](#), [Operational Map – July](#) | [Infographic about temporary shelter – March to July](#).
 - **Norte de Santander (3):** [Operational Map of Villa del Rosario – January to June](#) | [Operational Map of Cúcuta – January to June](#) | [Operational Map of Pamplona – June](#).
 - **Santander (1):** [Operational Map of Bucaramanga – January to June](#).
 - **Valle del Cauca (6):** [Operational Map – January to March](#) | [Operational Map – April to June](#) | [Venezuelans in Valle del Cauca – May](#) | [Operational Map – June](#) | [Situational Report – April to June](#) | [Operational Map – July](#).



Communications

On 12 September, the GIFMM joined the celebration of World *Arepa* Day to remember that we share gastronomic traditions, feelings, and dreams with Venezuelan refugees and migrants. Several GIFMM partners supported the initiative by publishing pieces with photographs referring to this meal under the hashtag #LaArepaQueNosUne. Also, the Communications Group developed and disseminated graphic material to be shared via social networks, to inform refugees and migrants about the extension of the border closure until 1 November; recalling about humanitarian corridors available in Arauca, Norte de Santander and La Guajira official border crossings, and about the days in which those corridors are open.



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